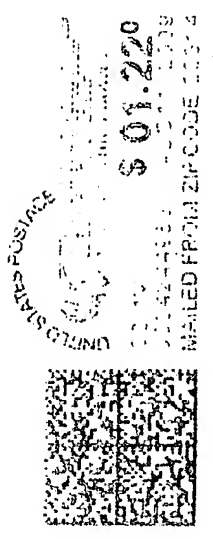


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Period for Reply

A SHORTENED STATUTORY PERIOD FOR REPLY IS SET TO EXPIRE 3 MONTH(S) OR THIRTY (30) DAYS, WHICHEVER IS LONGER, FROM THE MAILING DATE OF THIS COMMUNICATION.

- Extensions of time may be available under the provisions of 37 CFR 1.136(a). In no event, however, may a reply be timely filed after SIX (6) MONTHS from the mailing date of this communication.
- If NO period for reply is specified above, the maximum statutory period will apply and will expire SIX (6) MONTHS from the mailing date of this communication.
- Failure to reply within the set or extended period for reply will, by statute, cause the application to become ABANDONED (35 U.S.C. § 133). Any reply received by the Office later than three months after the mailing date of this communication, even if timely filed, may reduce any earned patent term adjustment. See 37 CFR 1.704(b).

Status

- 1) ☐ Responsive to communication(s) filed on ____.
- 2a) ☐ This action is **FINAL**. 2b) ☒ This action is non-final.
- 3) ☐ Since this application is in condition for allowance except for formal matters, prosecution as to the merits is closed in accordance with the practice under *Ex parte Quayle*, 1935 C.D. 11, 453 O.G. 213.

Disposition of Claims

- 4) ☒ Claim(s) 1-7 is/are pending in the application.
- 4a) Of the above claim(s) ____ is/are withdrawn from consideration.
- 5) ☐ Claim(s) ____ is/are allowed.
- 6) ☒ Claim(s) 1-7 is/are rejected.
- 7) ☐ Claim(s) ____ is/are objected to.
- 8) ☐ Claim(s) ____ are subject to restriction and/or election requirement.

Application Papers

- 9) ☒ The specification is objected to by the Examiner.
- 10) ☒ The drawing(s) filed on 01/29/2004 is/are: a) ☐ accepted or b) ☒ objected to by the Examiner.
Applicant may not request that any objection to the drawing(s) be held in abeyance. See 37 CFR 1.85(a).
Replacement drawing sheet(s) including the correction is required if the drawing(s) is objected to. See 37 CFR 1.121(d).
- 11) ☐ The oath or declaration is objected to by the Examiner. Note the attached Office Action or form PTO-152.

Priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119

- 12) ☒ Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).
- a) ☒ All b) ☐ Some * c) ☐ None of:
1. ☒ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received.
2. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received in Application No. ____.
3. ☐ Copies of the certified copies of the priority documents have been received in this National Stage application from the International Bureau (PCT Rule 17.2(a)).

* See the attached detailed Office action for a list of the certified copies not received.

Attachment(s)

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| 1) <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Notice of References Cited (PTO-892) | 4) <input type="checkbox"/> Interview Summary (PTO-413) |
| 2) <input type="checkbox"/> Notice of Draftsperson's Patent Drawing Review (PTO-948) | Paper No(s)/Mail Date. ____. |
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DETAILED ACTION

Priority

1. Receipt is acknowledged of papers submitted under 35 U.S.C. 119(a)-(d), which papers have been placed of record in the file.
2. **Although the foreign priority documents have been received, Applicant fails to mention it on the OATH and Declaration or in the first sentence of the specification. See MPEP § 608.01(p) and 37 CFR 1.78(a)(2).**

Claim Objections

3. **Claims 3-7 are objected to under 37 CFR 1.75(c) as being in improper form because a multiple dependent claim may refer in the alternative to only one set of claims. See MPEP § 608.01(n).**
4. **Accordingly, the claims have not been further treated on the merits.**
5. Claim 1 is objected to because of the following minor informalities:
6. The word "ionisated" should read --ionized--.
7. Appropriate correction is required.

Specification

8. The disclosure is objected to because of the following informalities: The word "Storage batteries a" should read -- Storage batteries at--(page 2, line 12).
9. The word "in form a metallic H011-cavity resonator" should read -- in form of a metallic H011-cavity resonator--(page 2, line 33).
10. The word "the ionisized" should read --the ionized--(page 4, line 18).

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11. The word "For the decrease the thermal radiation" should read --For the decrease of the thermal radiation--(page 4, line 30).

12. Appropriate correction is required.

The following guidelines illustrate the preferred layout for the specification of a utility application. These guidelines are suggested for the applicant's use.

Arrangement of the Specification

As provided in 37 CFR 1.77(b), the specification of a utility application should include the following sections in order. Each of the lettered items should appear in upper case, without underlining or bold type, as a section heading. If no text follows the section heading, the phrase "Not Applicable" should follow the section heading:

(a) TITLE OF THE INVENTION.

(b) CROSS-REFERENCE TO RELATED APPLICATIONS.

(c) STATEMENT REGARDING FEDERALLY SPONSORED RESEARCH OR
DEVELOPMENT.

(d) THE NAMES OF THE PARTIES TO A JOINT RESEARCH AGREEMENT.

(e) INCORPORATION-BY-REFERENCE OF MATERIAL SUBMITTED ON A
COMPACT DISC.

(f) BACKGROUND OF THE INVENTION.

(1) Field of the Invention.

(2) Description of Related Art including information disclosed under 37 CFR 1.97 and 1.98.

(g) BRIEF SUMMARY OF THE INVENTION.

(h) BRIEF DESCRIPTION OF THE SEVERAL VIEWS OF THE DRAWING(S).

(i) DETAILED DESCRIPTION OF THE INVENTION.

(j) CLAIM OR CLAIMS (commencing on a separate sheet).

(k) ABSTRACT OF THE DISCLOSURE (commencing on a separate sheet).

(l) SEQUENCE LISTING (See MPEP § 2424 and 37 CFR 1.821-1.825. A

“Sequence Listing” is required on paper if the application discloses a nucleotide or amino acid sequence as defined in 37 CFR 1.821(a) and if the required “Sequence Listing” is not submitted as an electronic document on compact disc). (See MPEP 608.01(a)

Drawings

13. The drawings are objected to because the first figure on the drawings is unlabeled and is also not clear. Fig. 2 is also objected to due to lack of clarity. Corrected drawing sheets in compliance with 37 CFR 1.121(d) are required in reply to the Office action to avoid abandonment of the application. Any amended replacement drawing sheet should include all of the figures appearing on the immediate prior version of the sheet, even if only one figure is being amended. The figure or figure number of an amended drawing should not be labeled as “amended.” If a drawing figure is to be canceled, the appropriate figure must be removed from the replacement sheet, and where necessary, the remaining figures must be renumbered and appropriate changes

made to the brief description of the several views of the drawings for consistency. Additional replacement sheets may be necessary to show the renumbering of the remaining figures. Each drawing sheet submitted after the filing date of an application must be labeled in the top margin as either "Replacement Sheet" or "New Sheet" pursuant to 37 CFR 1.121(d). If the changes are not accepted by the examiner, the applicant will be notified and informed of any required corrective action in the next Office action. The objection to the drawings will not be held in abeyance.

Claim Rejections - 35 USC § 112

14. The following is a quotation of the second paragraph of 35 U.S.C. 112:

The specification shall conclude with one or more claims particularly pointing out and distinctly claiming the subject matter which the applicant regards as his invention.

15. **Claims 1-7 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 112, second paragraph, as being indefinite for failing to particularly point out and distinctly claim the subject matter which applicant regards as the invention.**

16. The claims are narrative in form and replete with indefinite and functional or operational language. The structure which goes to make up the device must be clearly and positively specified. The structure must be organized and correlated in such a manner as to present a complete operative device. The claim(s) must be in one sentence form only. Note the format of the claims in the patent(s) cited.

17. Applicant is reminded about the proper format for claim language.

18. It is noted that the claims are generally narrative and indefinite, failing to conform with current U.S. practice. They appear to be a literal translation into English from a foreign document and are replete with grammatical and idiomatic errors.

Claim Rejections - 35 USC § 103

19. The following is a quotation of 35 U.S.C. 103(a) which forms the basis for all obviousness rejections set forth in this Office action:

(a) A patent may not be obtained though the invention is not identically disclosed or described as set forth in section 102 of this title, if the differences between the subject matter sought to be patented and the prior art are such that the subject matter as a whole would have been obvious at the time the invention was made to a person having ordinary skill in the art to which said subject matter pertains. Patentability shall not be negated by the manner in which the invention was made.

20. **Claims 1-2 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being unpatentable over Grosse et al., (Grosse) US PAT 7,159,536 in view of Maehara et al., (Maehara)US PAT 4,977,301.**

21. Regarding claim Grosse discloses (col.4 to col. 6, lines 43) and shows in Figs. 1-4:

An apparatus (1) on the basis of a high frequency plasma (region 12) consisting of a H11 (which is function of the position of the field and excitation) cavity resonator (11)(construed as applicant's casing) with waveguide endings (21) and strip lines couplings (24)(construed as applicant's induction coupling) and wherein the microwave generator are injected via coaxial plug connectors(not shown)(construed as applicant's plugs), HF-supply conductings (24).

Grosse discloses all the claimed invention except for the limitation of a schottky diode including load capacitor for the rectification of the output-coupled HF energy and emission including isolation material for decreasing thermal loss.

22. Maehara discloses (See Fig. 2) a high frequency heating apparatus comprising a rectifying diode (35) and capacitor (34) supplied to a magnetron (5), a shield member

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(37) which provides isolation and mixed contact in case of dielectric breakdown between the primary (31) and secondary windings (33), and a housing (6).

23. Therefore it would have been obvious to one of ordinary skill in the art at the time of the invention to provide a rectifying diode and load capacitor along with a casing to the waveguide structure for high frequency plasma of Grosse so as to provide smooth delivery of energy to the load while ensuring protection from dielectric breakdown through isolation and shielding, as per the teachings of Maehara (abstract, col. 2, lines 1-33).

24. Regarding claim 2, Grosse discloses a H11 resonator cavity.

25. It would have been obvious to one of ordinary skill in the art at the time of the invention to customize the waveguide structure taught by Grosse to be a H011 cavity resonator since the modes of excitation are function of the positioning of the fields quantities and is well known in the art.

26. Accordingly, claims 1-2 would have been obvious.

Conclusion

A shortened statutory period for reply to this final action is set to expire **THREE MONTHS** from the mailing date of this action. In the event a first reply is filed within **TWO MONTHS** of the mailing date of this final action and the advisory action is not mailed until after the end of the **THREE-MONTH** shortened statutory period, then the shortened statutory period will expire on the date the advisory action is mailed, and any extension fee pursuant to 37 CFR 1.136(a) will be calculated from the mailing date of

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the advisory action. In no event, however, will the statutory period for reply expire later than SIX MONTHS from the date of this final action.

Citation of Prior Art

27. The prior art made of record and not relied upon is considered pertinent to applicant's disclosure. The prior art cited in the PTO-892 and not mentioned above disclose related apparatus.
28. Takamatsu US 20050212626 discloses a high frequency reaction processing system.
29. Yoshioka yet al., (Yoshioka) US PAT 6,172,321 discloses method and apparatus for plasma processing.
30. Spitzl, US PAT 6,204,6203 discloses a coaxial resonator microwave plasma generator

Contact Information

Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to M'baye Diao whose telephone number is 571-272-6127. The examiner can normally be reached on 8:30-5:00; First Friday off.

If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, Akm Ullah can be reached on Monday through Thursday at 571-272-2361. The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is 571-273-8300.

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